

Torrance, California
January 24, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, January 24, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 10, 1939 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held January 17, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Union Oil Company of California, enclosing check amounting to \$21.90, total payment due the City of Torrance to June 30, 1938 under Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1010 N.S. and No. 1501 N.S.

A communication was read from George O. Chlands, request-

ing removal of a pepper tree at 1720 Martina Street. Referred to Street Department (Tree Committee).

A communication was read from Mrs. John Leffelman, Portland, Oregon, urging the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue.

A communication was read from Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, President of Torrance High School Parent-Teacher Association, urging that the request for removal of eucalyptus trees on El Prado be refused.

A communication was read from Ted Frenger, urging the putting through of Emerald Street to Dominguez Street, and objecting to any other improvement until this is done.

Clerk Bartlett reported tax collections since July 1, 1938 as follows:

<u>City of Torrance</u>	Tax Collections:	\$151,584.89	
	Redemptions:	2,475.96	154,060.85
<u>Torrance Municipal</u>			
<u>Water District No. 1</u>	Tax Collections:	5,608.11	
	Redemptions:	133.33	<u>5,741.44</u>
Total Tax Collections to date:			\$159,802.29

Engineer Young recommended that the contracts for rock and oil be awarded to the Owl Truck & Materials Company and the Square Oil Company, Inc., respectively.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for furnishing 1300 tons #4 rock and 250 tons #5 rock for street repair be awarded to the Owl Truck & Materials Company, 420 South Alameda Street, Compton, California. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for 1550 barrels road oil for street repair be awarded to the Square Oil Company, Inc., 916-934 Adobe Street, Los Angeles, California. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young reported that he and a Pacific Electric maintenance man had investigated the condition of the caved-in culvert on Western Avenue and that the expense for replacing the fifty feet of culvert lying within the Pacific Electric right-of-way would be paid by said company, the remaining one hundred feet to be replaced at the expense of the City.

Mayor Tolson called for protests, either oral or written, on the proposed vacation of the Southerly 20 feet of Lot 42 in Block 2, of Subdivision of Lot 33, Meadow Park Tract for alley purposes.

There were no protests, written or oral.

Councilman Powell moved that City Attorney McCall be instructed to draw up an ordinance declaring the vacating and closing of the Southerly 20 feet of Lot 42 in Block 2 of Subdivision of Lot 33, Meadow Park Tract. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney McCall reported he had received a call from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, advising that the deed to property on Torrance Boulevard would be delivered in a few days.

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Councilman McGuire moved that Purchasing Agent Bartlett be authorized to purchase necessary heaters to replace those in the Chamber of Commerce building. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote : AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the petition for removal of all the eucalyptus trees on El Prado be taken off the table and referred to the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell commented that, in other instances, the Council had agreed to remove large trees from property and that he felt Mr. John Young's investment in property and a home on El Prado would warrant removal of the two eucalyptus trees on his property. Councilman Hitchcock pointed out that the petition had requested removal of all trees on El Prado, not just the two on Mr. Young's property. He stated further that the action was taken on the the petition as a whole, not on individual properties. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire asked Mr. Peckham, President of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association, what he thinks could be done to relieve the parking situation along the business streets, stating that many of the automobiles parked along the streets belong to merchants and employees in the various business places. He said that some of the automobiles are parked for long periods of time, making it difficult to find parking space. Mr. Peckham advised that he would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Merchants' Association.

Councilman McGuire asked that a white line be painted on Western Avenue from 190th Street to 182nd Street. Referred to the Street Department.

Councilman Powell moved that the Street Superintendent be authorized to remove the two trees from John Young's property on El Prado, which motion was lost for want of a second.

Mayor Tolson moved that City Electrician Butterfield and Assistant Engineer Jain be authorized to attend the Electrical Inspectors' Convention at San Diego, February 1, 1939, expenses paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Finance Committee Chairman stated that no report has been prepared as yet in connection with the request of the Business & Professional Women for a bulletin board.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

John Young thanked the Council for its action in referring the petition for removal of all the eucalyptus trees from El Prado to the Planning Commission. He explained his position in connection with the petition, stating that he had circulated said petition upon being informed that the two trees on his property could be removed only by general petition. He made a formal request that two eucalyptus trees on Lot 7, Block 25 be removed.

Councilman Hitchcock asked what had been done toward building of a new pistol range. Mr. Stanger reported that Director of Public Safety Stroh had recommended the Water Company's property near the pumping plant as a good location for same. He explained that about 90 x 220 ft. of property would be necessary, that the pumping plant and pistol range would be separated by a fence, that pits and protection wall would be built, a rough estimate of the cost being about \$1500.00. He explained further that this particular property could not be drilled for another well, being too close to the other well.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council go on record as favoring the use of the water company's property (property belonging to the City of Torrance) for a pistol range. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

An appropriation of funds for the pistol range was deferred until a more definite figure is arrived at.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:20 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Baird
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance